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FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1916.

Is He or Is He Not?

R EPORTS of Pancho Villa's death refuse to down. It may be all a mistake, of course, but it is such a delightful possibility that the mind refuses to abandon it. With the exception of capturing that highly undesirable citizen or assuring his departure from this vale of tears to another, the expedition into Mexico has achieved everything that possibly could have been expected. It has given the followers of both Villa and Carranza a much-needed lesson. Nowadays we have other things to think about than teaching the Mexican young idea how to shoot, and that process too frequently involves shooting the young idea with an army rifle. We don't wish Pancho any very bad luck, but if he will consent to stay dead, he will have

Then there are the shots fired at Parralthey have been heard round a part of the

Device to Prevent Useless Noise

E VEN in this bloodthirsty day, all the energies of science are not bent on widening and perfecting means of human destruction. Surgeons and sanitarians continue their lofty efforts to save and prevent, and from time to time a special benefactor of the race makes known the result of his research.

One of the latest of these thrice-blessed humanitarians is a worker in the laboratories of the University of lowa. He has evolved a device by which the powers and susceptibilities of would-be singers may be tested without the utterance of a sound. If this wonder-worker comes into general use, the world will be spared millions of useless and unnecessary sounds. The chief difficulty will be in persuading the almost-singers that the instrument knows what it is talking about.

Mr. Bryan in twenty years has traveled 500,000 miles. The more he travels the farther from the White House he gets.

Object Lesson to England

IT is difficult to restrain the belief that the landing of Russian troops in France is intended more as an object lesson to England than as an actual assistance to the French defense. What aid the Russians can give will be moral rather than material, for their numbers necessarily must be small.

France has borne the brunt of the fighting and suffered the maximum of losses among the allies on the western front. War's destruction is eating deeply into French reserves. France must have help, if the struggle so gloriously inaugurated and prosecuted is to be carried to triumph.

Of course, it is England's duty to supply these new forces, but England so far has failed. Failure has so shaken the government and demands for conscription have been so persistent, that the coalition Cabinet has narrowly escaped dissolution. It would be shameful for England to permit Russia, whose losses have been at least five times as beavy, to bear British burdens. Perhaps this landing of soldiers of the Czar will shake Britons from their lethargy.

If paper continues to grow scarcer with the rapidity now threatened, correspondence between the United States and German governments will be seriously impeded.

No Prompt Release for Von Igel

NEITHER the release of Wolfe von Igel nor the return of the papers found in his office is to be expected at this time. Danger of a break with Germany is too imminent to warrant the authorities in proceeding, with undue haste, on the assumption that Von Igel is an immune representative of a friendly country. It is possible that course will be followed later, but not

Further, it is not at all certain that even if the most cordial relations prevailed between this country and Germany. Von Igei would be entitled to claim immunity. Several elements enter into the determination of this point: He may not be, technically, a member of the embassy staff even now, but only a paid employee of the unprotected class; it may be, as stated, that the acts with which he is charged were committed before he became attached to Von Papen's office, and it may even be that these acts will be held to be of a character so outrageous that another country's flag cannot shield their perpetrator. It is to be remembered that Von Papen, who was fully accredited, has been indicted for similar conduct.

The Kaiser is quoted as saying that the war must end at Verdun. And it might, if the Kaiser could persuade the French to think as he does. Unfortunately for Wilhelm, he won't have the last word as to the place where the war shall end, or-all the worse for him-the manner.

Enforcing Tax Equality

HOW large are the powers vested in the State Tax Board, by the laws enacted at the last session of the General Assembly, is well shown in the communication addressed by Christopher B. Garnett, the board's executive assistant, to the tax authorities of Grayson County. The local board of review in Grayson has instructed the commissioners of the revenue to reduce realty assessments by 50 per cent, and Mr. Garnett warns that barnstormer.

if this purpose is carried out, an appeal will be made to the courts.

Quotations from the law, printed in The Times-Dispatch yesterday, are conclusive that the State Tax Board has the requisite authority. Grayson has been for many years one of the so-called "pauper counties," receiving from the State many thousands of dollars more than it pays in. The propor-

tion in 1915 was nearly three to one. This was due, in part at least, to the low assessments of all property within the county. Now it is planned to cut these assessments in half. Under the law, the State Tax Board may institute proceedings to prevent this gross injustice to the fairly taxed cities and counties of Virginia, and if the board makes its protest good, inequalities from which the Commonwealth long has suffered will be on the way to being relieved.

The New York Tribune, which is out for T. R. for President, failed to elect its founder when he was a presidential candidate, or the founder's successor when he was a candidate for Vice-President. It has been a long time since the paper established by Horace Greeley called the turn on anything.

Bryan and Roosevelt.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN and Theodore Rousevelt both disapprove President Wilson's action in calling Germany sternly to account. Mr. Bryan says it would be "a crime against civilization for this country to go into the war," while Colonel Roosevelt insists we should have gone to war a year ago, and, having failed to do so then, must not consider the possibility now.

Mr. Bryan seems to believe that war is never justified. In his theory, American citizens, at the summons and on the demand of a belligerent nation, should surrender their right to travel the high seas. As the President's message to Congress points out, German submarines have not limited their attacks to the ships of their enemies, but 'vessels of neutral ownership, even vessels of neutral ownership bound from neutral port to neutral port, have been destroyed along with vessels of belligerent ownership.' Neither has destruction been confined to the "war zone" around the British Isles that Germany sought to establish. Ships have been sent to the bottom, without warning and without mercy, wherever they have been encountered

It goes without saying that this nation, whatever Mr. Bryan may think, will not endure the continuance of such outrages against law and humanity. His own State has registered its disapproval of his course and policy, and the action of Nebraska Democrats reflects the will of the whole people.

As for Colonel Roosevelt, he has become ludicrous. Since the war began he has occupied a dozen different and conflicting positions, but for the last six months he has been clamorous for war with Germany. Only a little while ago he was organizing a regiment of Roughriders to drive the Kaiser out of France and Belgium. Now he is quite likely to get what he has said he wanted, and he tears his hair and splits the unoffending air with wild lamentations. If he were half the patriot he professes to be, he would be supporting, in this time of peril, the leader of the nation. As he is what he is, he gravitates between the contemptible and the grotesque.

Mr. Wilson has been patient. He has felt it to be his compelling duty to strive unceasingly to keep his country out of war, and he has done all that man could. Colonel Roosevelt condemns the effort, Mr. Bryan its abandonment under any circumstances. Between these extremes stand the American people. Whatever the politicians say, the great mass of his countrymen are with the

S. S. McClure, who was one of the original Ford peace party, announces, after looking into the cribs in Germany, that the babes of that country are all well fed and thriving. This stops another German wail.

Courage Versus Pension Frauds.

CONGRESSMAN JAMES, of Michigan, has discovered, according to the Springfield Republican, that under the present law "a man may enlist, desert, be apprehended, court-martialed, found guilty, sentenced, serve sentence, receive a dishonorable discharge and yet be eligible to receive a pen-Mr. James and the Republican, if they had carried their investigations further, might have discovered also that the pension rolls include the names of many patriots whose service may be described in the exact words quoted above.

Of course, a pension law so framed and applied is a ghastly farce, and a yet more ghastly fraud. Nobody in the countrynobody in the South, certainly-has anything but approval of the determination of the nation to pension deserving soldiers and saflors, whether they took part in the War Between the States or any other war, but to hand out the nation's bounty to deserters, camp followers and scalawags of every kind and description is an abominable outrage.

Mr. James has introduced a bill to make a dishonorable discharge a bar to the receipt of a pension, commenting on which the Republican says that "out of a rather full knowledge of efforts at pension reform in the past forty years, one is disposed to pronounce the honorable member from Michigan a courageous man." That is true, and he is a rash man as well, but if Northern men of his courage and right principle received more support from Southern men who are, or ought to be, similarly endowed, one particular pork pie, annually sliced and distributed in Congress, would give forth a far less disagree-

George W. Peck, once a Wisconsin Governor, and always a humorist when there was a reason for it, died the other day in the city which he helped to make famous. He was known as a "funny man" long before he was suspected of having the opposite trait. But when he took up lines that required serious consideration, he quit making fun, just as Paul put away childish things when he became a man. The trouble with most humorists is that they won't differ-

It is said that English golfers have fied the links through fear of Zeppelins. If there are any Britons who are not in the trenches or in training, they will be found steady at the game, just as many Americans would be found holding down the bleachers at a ball park while a foreign navy was shelling the city where ball was being played.

Do your Easter egg dyeing early. Stuffs are getting scarcer every second. An undyed Easter egg is not worth flinging at a

SEEN ON THE SIDE

A Porteut. One woeful sound strikes terror Unto the gard'ner's heart; He hopes he is in error, And yet his fears upstart. He feels like madly plucking His hair in handfuls when He hears the joyous clucking

Of neighbor's hungry hen. He planted peas in furrows. He planted beans in hills, And day and night he burrows To keep away plant ills. Each morn plants get the ducking Approved by those who ken-They vanish with the clucking

Of that voracious hen.

His dahlias and his roses. His beds of mignonette, On which sad fact discloses His ardent hopes were set-From which he dreamed of plucking A posy, now and then-Are doomed by that cluck-clucking

Though folks' brains may be lacking Who count their chicks, unhatched, For folly I am backing Those who leave gates unlatched. They waste their time in bucking The fate that nears them when They hear the cluck-cluck-clucking Of that relentless hen.

Of that quite soulless hen.

The Pessimist Says:

Germany's necessity is of the sort that knows no law except that it establishes at the grave.

Shakespeare Knew His Bible.

Matthew, v. 9: "Blessed are the peacemakers. 2, Henry VI., H. 1: "Blessed are the peacemakers on earth." Romans, xii. 21: "Overcome evil with good." Richard III., i. 3: "Tell them that God bids us

do good for evil." 2 Corinthians, xi. 6: "Though I be rude in

Othello, i. 3: "Rude am I in speech." Ecclesiastes, x. 16: "Woe to thee, O land, when thy King is a child."

Richard III., ii. 3: "Woe to the land that Is govern'd by a child" Psalms, xxv. 7: "Remember not the sins of my

youth." Winter's Tale, iii. 3: "If the sins of your youth are forgiven you."

The Frontier. "Why did you quit Mrs. Hashem's?"

"It looked as if she had reached the terminal when she disguised the prunes and served them

Humorists in the Bud. "What's your dog's name?"

"EH."

"What for?"

"'Cause he gets there. What's yours named?" "William Dean." "That's a queer name for a dog. Why did you do it?"

"'Cause he howls."

Ye Bishop, Ye Editor and Ye Descons.

There was a bishop in Kansas named Naphtali Luccock. He died, and Bishop Quayle, of Kansas City, preached the funeral sermon. In the discourse he said: "It will take 10,000 years for Naphtall Luccock to walk two blocks in paradise, because multitudes of angels will stop him on the way to share his sunny ways, his bright sayings, his gental soul." Whereupon ye editor of ye Parsons (Kans.) Sun commented as follows: "The worthy bishop might have added there are also sour-visaged, dyspeptic church deacons in every community who, if they manage to squeeze into heaven, will walk ten times 10,000 miles on the gold-paved streets there without hearing the fluttering of a welcoming angel's wing."

Remember Harriman! Grubbs-Politics makes strange bedfellows. Stubbs-So it does, but if I were Senator Penrose, I should see to it that the Colonel had no opportunity, in the course of the night, to kick me out on the floor.

Time for Fair Words. "Does Binks always speak well of his wife?" "Well, he always does when he is trying to engage a new cook."

friends have found him out .- Lafe.

Modern Practice. "Young Howler has obtained another chance for his latest and guiltiest client." "How did he do that?"

"His speech so bored and tired the jurprs they all went to sleep, and the judge declared a

To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke. Hokus-So you believe in signs, eh? Well, when a man is always making new friends, what Pokus-It's likely to be a sign that his old

> Are They Heroief Well-Within the clan Republican Nebraska follows Michigan. Though both were by stern heroes wooed, They were not in heroic mood; Urged in an armored car to ride, They let that martial motor slide, And in mad haste they climbed aboard A peaceful, mild and gentle Ford.

Chats With Virginia Editors

"Danville seems easy to satisfy," says the Tee-Dee. So are its citizens, else why do they continue to live there, when South Boston is only thirty miles away.—Halifax Gazette. Sick

In a kind of despairing tone, the Danville Register appeals: "Let justice soak the blind tiger and the bootlegger and the disorderly dance-hall denizens." And do these things still afflict the long "dry" town of Danville?

There must be short vacations for the average married man in the Norfolk region, if the Ledger-Disputch is to be believed. That paper says: "The time between the furnace shovel and the lawn mower is about seventeen days."

The Bristol Herald-Courier and several other Virginia papers, including The Times-Dispatch, save been trying to solve a new problem. The Bristol paper puts it in a nutshell thus: "The packers say they are not making any profit, and the cattle growers say they are not making any brofit. Here is a mystery the consumer would be pleased to have someboly unrayel."

A Danville dentist has been exonerated of the charge of kissing a woman patient, while the treasurer of Tennessee is charged with a similar offense. Kissing must be strange in those two places, they making such a to-do about it.—Liackstone Courier. The people in those benighted regions evidently know nothing of the good old customs that prevail in Nottoway and several adjoining counties.

A P. Hill Camp, that early in 1365 the progenitor of our contemporary was born. The outfit was a survival of the war, for Masonic Hall had long been the habitat of journalistic ventures. It was the office of the Southside Democrat in the early fifties, and was subsequently the place of publication for the Intelligencer, which was removed to Raleigh. None of the founders of the Index now lives, and the writer of this paragraph believes himself to be the only one left of the original staff of employees, whether in the editorial, business or mechanical departments.—Ex-Governor William E. Cameron, in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. There is a pleasing connecting link between the above and the "News of Fifty Years Ago."

It is not very often that the Fredericksburg Star gets a chance to do much boasting, but when it does, it makes the most of it. Note the following: "Fredericksburg some few years ago inaugurated a business management for the city's government. Other cities have been so pleased with the result of this movement that they want to do likewise. This city has greatly advertised itself by the character and kind of government it has established, and by its good results Fredericksburg has led in many other good and beneficial things for this State and all its people."

News of Fifty Years Ago

The shooting affair on Broad Street yesterday morning was serious in some respects, and harmless and farcical in others. Dr. T. Clay Maddox and William J. Vernon were the shooters. It seems that there had been some trouble of a personal kind between them, and when they met on Broad Street they got to shooting at each other, much to the danger of men, women and children, who were numerous on the street at the time. However, both of the men shot pretty well, and hit only each other. Maddox was wounded slightly in the left arm, and Vernon got a sort of a scratch would in his right side. Both men fired numerous shots, and it is a wonder that passers-by were not hurt. Too many of these affairs "of honor," so-called, are taking place in the public highways. If such affairs must come off, they should be more to private, or out on a more lonely road, or, evan better, away back in the piny woods, where nobody except the belligerents are in where noboc real danger. nobody except the belligerents are

real danger.

The man Shields, a deserter from the Union army, who murdered and robbed the hack-driver from Williamsburg named Taylor, the deed being performed in New Kent County, was put to death by hanging in Libby Prison yesterday. The execution was under military management, and was done according to the rules of the War Department. General Turner had charge of the gruesome proceedings, and he permitted newspaper reporters to be present. Shields, under the advice of his spiritual adviser, made no statement whatever, but went to the gallows with sealed lips.

The horse-stealing business in and around

to the gallows with sealed lips.

The horse-stealing business in and around Richmond still seems to be profitable to the stealers. This is the opinion to be gathered from the fact that within the last thirty days not less than thirty-two horses have been stolen from the stables of Richmond and Henrico County men, and only two horse thieves have been caught by the authorities. Pretty soon some horse thieves are going to be caught without the help of the police or other legal authority, and when they are, some Henrico County hickory trees are going to be heavily laden with swinging human bodies, from the which all of the breath has escaped. The horse-owners are getting tired of the business as it is now conducted, and they won't put up with it much longer.

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The negroes celebrated what they call "Emancipation Day" yesterday in Washington. A large delegation—in fact, a whole Pennsylvania Avenue procession gang—called at the White House, and President Johnson, wrapped in a talma, to protect him from the frigid wind that geemed to come right fresh from Vermont, or some other very cold State, made a short talk, which seemed to please them very much; but a negro is mighty easily pleased with empty words. And the talk was short.

Ex-President Millard Fillmore, who has shown a strong disposition to be a good friend of the South, has written a letter to President Johnson, in which he takes occasion to say that he heartily indorses and approves of the President's policy looking to the reuniting of the country on the most friendly and extended dent's policy looking to the reuniting of the country on the most friendly and amicable basis.

The Norfolk Virginian announces that a new military company will be organized there within the next few days. The authorities at Washington have announced—and the announcement has been indorsed by Governor Plerpont—that no more military companies are needed or called for in Virginia; that is, no more than those who wear the brass buttons with the letters "U, S." very prominent.

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A rather big fight sprang up in the United States Senate chamber yesterday morning when the motion to admit Colorado as a free and sovereign State came up for consideration. All of the fight hung around the clause in the State Constitution of the proposed new State of Colorado, which ignored the negro proposition. It seems that the Constitution was silent on the negro and color lines, and as a goodly number of negroes have now located in Colorado, they kicked because they were left still "in the dark." The advocates of quick admission of the new State fought hard, but the "absurdists" and the other fellows held the balance of power, and the resolutions went back to the Judiciary Committee. If they ever get before the House or the Senate again, the new young State will be considerably older than it now is.

Last night the Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., at the

Last night the Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., at the earnest request of the congregation, repeated at the Grace Street Baptist Church the famous sermon he recently delivered in New York on "The Mission of the Baptists."

Queries and Answers

Isochronism.

Is isochronism, or isonochronism, the proper INQUIRER. The former.

School of Artists.

Is there any school of artists in Richmond' ANTHONY PAPSI.

There is the most excellent Richmond Art Club, Belvidere and Grace Streets, Richmond, Va

I think that usage maken such forms as "I wish to respectfully request" correct. Is not this true?

M. A. TERRELIA.

We fear that the great weight of good taste is against you. The strong preference of careful writers seems to be against the split infinitive.

Current Editorial Comment

Man on Job when Carranza suggested the recall of the American troops from Mexico, most newspapers resented it, and advised the President in strong terms to recall of the troops. A few days reflection puts changed rapidly. In matters of such a grave nature the man on the proper thing to do, and tion to decide on the proper thing to do, and in this particular President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are in a better position to de-cide than all the balance of the country put to-gether.—Wilmington Star.

The appeal of American soluels of the series of the series

similar offense. Kissing must be strange in those two places, they making such a to-do about it.—Liackstone Courier. The people in those benighted regions evidently know nothing of the know old customs that prevail in Nottoway and several adjoining counties.

The process of removing the offices of this paper from North Sycamore Street and Courthouse Avenue, where they have been located for so many years, is progressing bravely, and it will not be long before the paper is thoroughly installed in its new home in the Masonic Hall, on West Tabb Street.—Petersburg Index-Appeal. It is possible that no person connected with the present management of the Index-Appeal is aware that the building into which it is about to migrate is the same in which, fifty years ago, its career of usefulness and prosperity began. It was in the lower part of the Masonic Hall, until lately occupied by

"They Can't Prove Anything"

One of the Day's Best Cartoons.

-rom the Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

PLANT EXPLORATION IN CHINA

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20 .- One flourishing wherever it has been plant-WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—One of the latest acquisitions to American fruit-growing is the jujube. This tree, discovered in the interior of China by Frank N. Meyer, plant explorer of the Department of Agriculture, is now being watched with a great deal of interest by scientists in its new career of the results. So far the results terest by scientists in its new career on American soil. So far, the results are distinctly satisfactory, and the latest reports seem to indicate that it will not be long before we are eating jujube salad and preserved jujube as a matter of course. The jujube fruit is a small brownish morsel, which, when fresh, has a unique and delicious flavor, and when dried is somewhat similar to the Persian date.

Besides the jujube, Mr. Meyer brought back from China many other singular specimens which will probably prove valuable to this country, including a wild peach, various marsh vegetables, species of bamboo sprouts and garden vegetables, huge persimmons and a new yellow rose. These are already under

species of bamboo sprouts and garden vegetables, huge persimmons and a new yellow rose. These are already under experimentation by the department, which is grafting the roots of the peach tree, crossing the rose with other species, and planting the various seeds and scions.

Similar to the American asparagus.

Americans in China have become that if raised in this country, it would probably be a popular item on the Chinese.

tree, crossing the rose with other species, and planting the various seeds and scions.

China was chosen as the hunting grounds of plant exploration because its climatic conditions are similar to those of this country, some portions corresponding with our eastern coast and others with the semi-arid regions of our Southwest. Consequently, in some places the flora is so like that seen in this country that at times it was difficult for Mr. Meyer to believe he was in China and not in New Jersey or Indiana.

Through Primitive Country.

Mr. Meyer and his outfit traveled by caravan and on foot through the vast, sections of China where railronds are not, visiting all the small agricultural villages and also individual farms. The Chinese farmer who, by experimentation, has produced a superior variety of some fruit or vegetable is extremely loth to advertise the fact to any but his nearest relatives, so that sometimes an extraordinary species grown on one farm will be absolutely unknown a few miles away. Moreover, he has a strong antipathy to using any of the modern methods employed for the preservation of a plant, such as spraying and treatment for specific diseases, for such things were unknown to his ancestors, and therefore could have no possible merit in his eyes. Hence many anclent varieties at one time prolific throughout China have either become extinct, or may be discovered growing on each time. Meyer is now prevent to Mr. Meyer why Americans used so little Kings in cocking. To the Chinaman Mings mings in cocking. To the Chinaman Mings mings in cocking. To the Chinaman as alt. He has shredded ginger with his soups, sliced ginger with his meats, and so on throughout the entire diet. Hings on throughout the entire diet. Hings on throughout the entire diet. Hings was unitied to the most, hot earth of South China, experient and cooler climate of the Shantung province, which has about the same latitude as Knoxville. Tenn. The Chinese inherit their taste for ginger from Confucius; who adminished them to cat ginger in varieties at one time prolific through-out China have either become extinct, or may be discovered growing on oc-

or may be discovered growing on occasional remote farms. One variety of
peach, for example, which formerly
grew in great abundance around
Shanghai, has completely died out.
Many of these almost extinct varieties
may be restored to usefulness by Western methods.

in order to prevent it from freezing, and even so, the next hour would sometimes see the package frozen hard.

in vogue with the ancestors, whose lineage evidently begins with the origieven without stoves. The windows, \$25,000 damage. More strict laws, put-which are made of paper, are usually ting boilers of all classes under in-broken, admitting icy breezes and cre-spection, might practically eliminate ating an atmosphere even colder than boiler explosions. the outdoors. Mr. Meyer was compelled to carry these frozen parcels of seions and cuttings around with him sometimes for weeks before he reached R post-office that would forward them direct to the department at Washington, or to the consul-general at Shang-Growing in the semiarid sections of

China, generally neglected and in soil of alkaline substance, Mr. Meyer found the Jujube tree. He immediately be-thought him of the semiarid regions of the American Southwest, and packed some jujubes off to the department, which planted them in California and Texas. The jujube, in its wild state, grows in the waste places and sprawls over ancient walls in Northern China, producing a small, hard, sour fruit when the restaurant bears it in full. which is not fit for use. By crossing the various species, of which there are nearly 400, the Chinese farmers have produced a fruit that is sweet and luscious, highly prized by the man-darins for New Year's presents and by the keepers of hotels catering to the European trade. The jujube tree is now bearing heavy crops in Fresno Chico, Indio and Bard, Cal., and in Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. Tex. Years ago a quantity of jujubes were distributed throughout the Southern Atlantic States, but, being seed lings, these trees did not produce good fruit.

Grow Persimmons for Drying. The Chinese are now growing a large variety of persimmons, unknown this country, for drying purposes. fruit is picked just as it ripens and before it has had a chance to become mushy and soft. It is then peeled and slashed and strung up on lines to dry in the sun and wind. When it has been thus suspended for several weeks it is distributed in piles and covered with matting, when the curing process begins, forming an outer layer grape-sugar. This persimmon is also

Ginger Necessary to Chinese.

Chinese method of raising vegetables they might be making money. Mr. Meyer is now preparing to start on his fourth expedition in plant exploration

Less Boiler Damage

The collection of plant material in interior China is not without its difficulties, perhaps the greatest of which is the packing and the exporting of the product. Scions and cuttings must often be collected in the severe winter weather and packed in damp moss immediately after they are cut. In moistening the moss, Mr. Meyer often found it necessary to heat the water in order to recover to the collected in the severe winter weather and packed in damp moss imjured. The financial loss is estimated at \$69,530. This small list of accidents for the country is due to the enforcement of boiler-inspection regulations. Most of the explosions were lations. Most of the explosions were of low-pressure boilers used for heating houses or water, and had not been Modern Innovations Opposed.
In North China there is also a prejudice against all modern innovations not in vogue with the appearance of the property of the pr pounds pressure. The State laws sel-dom apply to boilers of this size, but The State nal Chinese cave man, for the inns are this explosion started a fire which did

Ordering Dinner by Wireless. Passengers coming into New York y ocean steamer can order the dishes they prefer for the first meal ashore wireless. A system has lately been installed in one of the large restaurants for that purpose. Advertisements are displayed on the steamer bulletin-boards which include a list of popular viands and the code signal to be used in ordering them. "PO" repre-sents beef steak and onlons, "CBC" corn-beef and cabbage, "HE" ham and eggs, and there are similar abbreviations for other articles. Special arrangements are made by which the price of the message is divided between the patron and the restaurant

Verdun.

O Poet, sing no more at this late date.
O sing no more in this vast-acting Of fancied feelings built to little

rime. The time has come when poetry must relate. Relate, I say, not hatch! here's love and hate

World-vast, hell-deep, in Fate's own pantomime,
Prussia impelled with green as the sublime. France doggedly defending home and

If Nietzsche's doctrine dominate your mood, With blood and Iron, and the Walted Day, if gain obtained through other's woe

be good. Then Prussia's sons will glorify your lay; But should you think these objects base

and wrong, Sing France, God bless her! though she needs no song!

_J. E. Scruggs, in Atlanta Journal.